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HUD's Region III e-News Brief



The **Summer 2021** edition of **HUDLines**, HUD's Region III e-News Brief, provides you with a snapshot of what's new in the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Mid-Atlantic region. You'll find updates on HUD activities in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. So, read on to find the latest stories and announcements on housing and community development initiatives throughout the region.



Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccines

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A Message from the Deputy Regional Administrator



Why did I get vaccinated? Like most people, my love for my family was the driving force behind my decision. Following the guidance of my doctor, I became fully vaccinated months ago, and I'm relieved my health is protected. Now, I'm working to make sure the families and individuals HUD serves are also protected, especially those who are disproportionately affected by the virus.

In June, our regional collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services was discussed at a special event in Reading, Pa., alongside Mayor Eddie Morán, Berks Community Health Center President and CEO Mary Kargbo and Reading Housing Authority (RHA) Executive Director Stacey Keppen. I want communities to know that the partnership announced by Secretaries Marcia L. Fudge and Xavier Becerra in May is a top priority for us here in the Mid-Atlantic.

Across the region, we are looking to make a difference through robust outreach, coordinating closely with partners to bring the vaccine right to the doors of HUD-assisted households.

While in Reading, I was pleased to learn that RHA has a long-standing relationship with President/CEO Kargbo—one that will lead to the promotion of the availability of vaccines at and through the Berks Community Health Center.

My visit wrapped up across the road from the health center, touring public housing and seeing the ongoing work to help vulnerable families. I'm thankful for the strong commitment of our housing partners to keep their residents safe from COVID-19. We are all in this together for the long haul.

Jane E. Miller
Deputy Regional Administrator

AT THE HELM:

Secretary Marcia L. Fudge



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I'm honored to work alongside Secretary Fudge and the entire HUD team to expand opportunity through housing and to build a stronger, more secure and more inclusive America. –Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman



At Community of Hope in Washington, D.C. on May 5, Secretary Marcia L. Fudge and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra announced a joint effort to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations among disproportionately affected communities, including among HUD-assisted households and people experiencing homelessness. [Learn more.](#)

In Case You Missed It

- [Adrienne Todman Sworn in as Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development](#)
- [Federal Housing Administration Introduces More Measures to Help Homeowners Struggling Due to COVID-19](#)
- [HUD Restores Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Requirement](#)
- [Secretary Fudge Elected as Chair of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)
- [HUD Announces \\$5 Billion to House People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

PARTNERSHIPS

HUD, HHS Discuss Joint COVID-19 Vaccination Effort in Reading, Pa.

HUD Mid-Atlantic Deputy Regional Administrator Jane Miller joined federal officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on June 29 to discuss a regionwide partnership aimed at ensuring vaccine access and equity among underserved communities.



Left to right: Reading Mayor Eddie Morán, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Acting Regional Administrator Leah Suter, Berks Community Health Center President and CEO Mary Kargbo, HUD Deputy Regional Administrator Jane Miller, Reading Housing Authority Executive Director Stacey Keppen and HHS Acting Regional Director Dalton Paxman.



Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccinations in Underserved Communities

Joint HUD/HHS Effort Across the Mid-Atlantic Region (Region III)

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

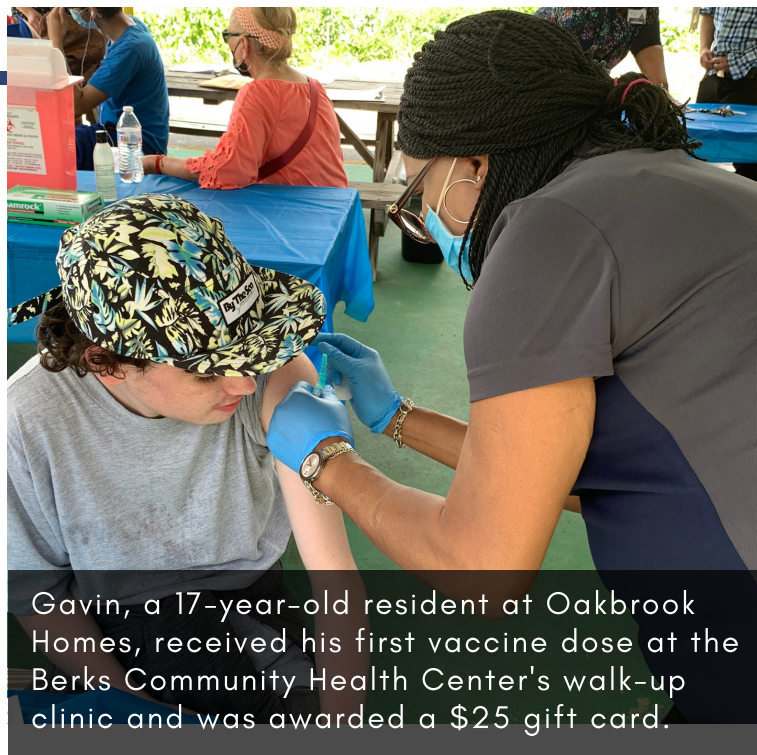
AROUND THE REGION

Photos capture COVID-19 vaccinations in June at Berks Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center in Reading, Pa.

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I'm getting the vaccine to protect my family and myself.

Sam and Tamia, residents at Oakbrook Homes, a public housing community across the road from Berks Community Health Center



Gavin, a 17-year-old resident at Oakbrook Homes, received his first vaccine dose at the Berks Community Health Center's walk-up clinic and was awarded a \$25 gift card.



AROUND THE REGION

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**I got my two injections.
I'm fine. I'm well.**

*Katherine, Liberty Court,
Wilmington, Del.*

**It is a good feeling to
be able to communicate
with everyone in the
household without a
mask.**

*Evelyn, Mifflin Meadows,
Wilmington, Del.*



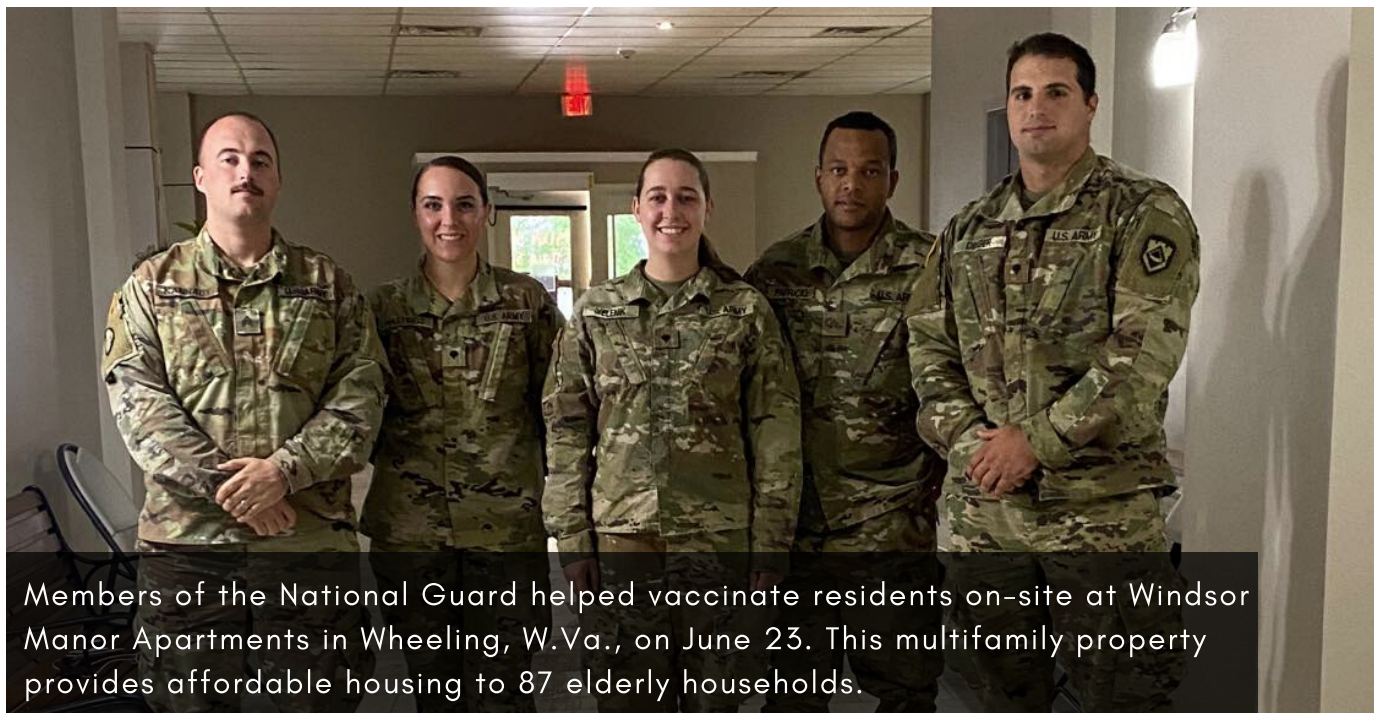
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Katherine, Wilmington, Del.



Evelyn, Wilmington, Del.



Members of the National Guard helped vaccinate residents on-site at Windsor Manor Apartments in Wheeling, W.Va., on June 23. This multifamily property provides affordable housing to 87 elderly households.

CONNECTIONS

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AND SO IT BEGINS: Perkins Homes demolition is making way for a rich and diversified community for Perkins residents!

The Perkins Somerset Oldtown project will reshape these three former public housing sites. Let's Go PSO!!!



Baltimore, Md.



Penn State Mont Alto @montaltopsu · 6/17/21

Linda Thomas Worthy, Ph.D., executive director of the Franklin County Housing Authority, and Penn State Mont Alto Advisory Board member, will be featured on the "Juneteenth: Together We Triumph – A 'Soul of a Nation' Special Event" airing on @ABC at 9 p.m. on June 18.



Chambersburg, Pa.

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PATHS Piedmont Access To Health Services, Inc.

Jun 9 • 🌐

We've done dozens of vaccines and we're staying at Cardinal Village here today with J&J and Moderna until 3:30 PM! Appointments and walk-ups welcome 😊 [Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority-DRHA](#)



Danville, Va.



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Jun 19 • 🌐



Erie, Pa. ...

Erie Housing Authority hosts "Meet Your Neighbor Day" <https://trib.al/pn06YPf>





Prince William County Government, Virginia

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Hardships from the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt across the economy. Currently, there are well over 300,000 FHA borrowers who are at least 60 days delinquent on their mortgage who have not sought help to avoid future foreclosure. To learn more https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s__k8UmLezw



Prince William County, Va.

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Jun 21 • 🌐

Today is Child Tax Credit Awareness Day. The [#ChildTaxCredit](#), part of the [#AmericanRescuePlan](#), will help HUD-assisted households make ends meet. Low-income families with children are eligible for this crucial tax relief. Learn more at <http://childtaxcredit.gov>.



The Child Tax Credit



\$3,000 to \$3,600 per child
for nearly all working families



Automatic monthly payments
for nearly all working families

CHILD Tax Credit . GOV



SECTION 3 BUSINESS PROFILE

J.D. Clark Professional Services, Prince George's County, Maryland

President and CEO Tisa Clark of J.D. Clark Professional Services discusses the mission, vision and values of her business and the impact HUD's Section 3 program has had on her operations.

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Leverage the talent of the community in which you serve.



QUICK LINKS

News You Can Use Now

- [Removing Barriers to Homeownership For Those with Student Loan Debt](#)
- [HUD Proposes Restoring Discriminatory Effects Rule](#)
- [Key Staff Appointments Announced](#)
- [Catch up on HUD's COVID-19 Webinars](#)
- [It's Hurricane Season. Are you prepared?](#)

Policy Development and Research (PD&R)

- [PD&R Mid-Atlantic Housing Market Conditions](#)



Funding Opportunities

- [FY 2021 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#)
- [FY 2021 Healthy Homes and Weatherization Cooperation Demonstration](#)
- [FY 2021 Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program](#)

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IN THE LOOP: NEWS AND EVENTS

Newport News Groundbreaking



Eighty-one new units of affordable housing are on the way to the Marshall-Ridley neighborhood in Newport News, Va. Local officials and partners celebrated the groundbreaking of the first phase of new construction on June 15—part of a \$19.7 million multi-phase Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan. Construction begins in July, with the grand opening slated for next fall. [Learn more.](#)

Congratulations!

To the **Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority** (RRHA) on being recognized as having the highest Real Estate Assessment Center inspection score in Virginia, maintaining high performer status for at least three years. RRHA was honored at the 2021 Southeastern Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) national conference.

To the **District of Columbia Housing Authority** (DCHA) on receiving several awards for its EnVision Center/Workforce Diversity Initiative and its Family Self-Sufficiency program. DCHA has been nominated for the 2021 NAHRO Award of Excellence. [Learn more.](#)

Landlord to pay \$90,000

Acting United States Attorney Jennifer Arbittier Williams announced that a landlord in Bucks County, Pa., will pay \$90,000 to resolve False Claims Act allegations that he illegally claimed subsidies from HUD while renting an apartment to his father-in-law in violation of the Department's requirements. [Learn more.](#)

Virtual Landlord Fair

Thursday, August 12, 2021

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. ET

Landlords/Housing Providers Needed to Help House Our Veterans

A panel discussion between landlords and public housing representatives to share best practices, dispel myths and answer questions about the benefits of housing our Veterans. [Learn more.](#)

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Wilmington VA Medical Center



IN THE LOOP

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Solutions for Rural Homelessness



A Pennsylvania Job Corps Rural Homelessness Webinar was held July 14, highlighting workforce development and educational opportunities offered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Job Corps. Help is available to connect youth who are experiencing homelessness—or are at risk of facing homelessness—with opportunities that will set them on a successful path to adulthood. Point of contact: Marisa.I.Gonzalez@hud.gov, 215.430.6645.

Emergency Housing Vouchers

HUD's Philadelphia Offices of Public Housing and Community Planning and Development teamed up to discuss a wide range of topics at a virtual Emergency Housing Voucher Forum on June 24, giving Public Housing Authorities and Continuums of Care an opportunity to join an open dialogue on key aspects of the program's operating requirements. Point of contact: Lisa.K.Nowinski@hud.gov, 215.430.6641.

Refugee Landlord Engagement

HUD's Pittsburgh Offices of Field Policy and Management and Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity are collaborating with partners and stakeholders to support the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to expand U.S. capacity to admit and support refugees. More than 100 landlords and property managers participated in a virtual Refugee Landlord Engagement session on May 28. Point of contact: Michael.A.Horvath@hud.gov, 412.644.5945.

GET SUPPORT FROM A HOUSING COUNSELOR

Facing foreclosure and not sure what to do? A HUD-approved housing counseling agency can lead the way. Visit hud.gov/coronavirus/homeowners.

REAL TALK IN DELAWARE



Top row (l to r): Wilmington Field Office Director Maria Bynum, Reverend Rita Mishoe Paige and Dr. Shauna McIntosh. Bottom row (l to r): Dr. Marshala Lee, Dr. Joan Coker and Elizabeth Brown.

HUD's Wilmington Field Office joined forces with the United Way of Delaware and local housing authorities on July 15 to host a virtual Real Talk discussion on COVID-19 vaccines. The Zoom chat featured local physicians talking about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines, dispelling myths and sharing what they are seeing and hearing from patients in their practices. Public housing residents and young people discussed why they were vaccinated. The Kent Coalition-Vaccines for the Black and Brown Communities sponsored the event. [Learn more.](#)

Use trusted information when choosing to get a **COVID-19 vaccine.**

Find answers from trusted sources like the CDC, your local health department, or your healthcare provider. [Learn more.](#)

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